

BOOK REVIEWS

Atlas of Cosmetic Dentistry: A Patient's Guide

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Orthodontic treatment today is often followed by one or more implant or implant-supported prosthodontic procedures. Sophisticated periodontal considerations may be required as well.

The public's demand for cosmetic dental services is matched only by the dental profession's unique and ever-increasing sophistication in the in-

terdisciplinary application of techniques designed to maximize both esthetics and function. This new level of sophistication requires the clinician to be familiar with all the potential restorative, prosthodontic, periodontal, surgical, and orthodontic contributions to the overall treatment effort—and to be able to communicate that information to the patient.

Dr. Mark Landau has authored a multipurpose *Atlas of Cosmetic Dentistry* that will be indispensable as a patient guide in any dental office. It is far more than just a series of before-and-after photographs of basic and more complex cosmetic dental treatments. Each page contains a specific clinical topic, or “problem”, and its cosmetic “solution”. The text is direct, accurate, succinct, professional, and educational.

Topics include tooth discoloration and asymmetry, gummy smile and unesthetic restorations, uneven gum line and tooth malalignment, stained teeth, diastemata, unesthetic restorations, white-spot lesions, tooth whitening, missing teeth with

implant-supported restorations, and numerous other esthetic and functional clinical dilemmas. To Dr. Landau's credit, the underlying periodontal health and the integration of interdisciplinary contributions to the overall esthetic outcome are prominently featured.

This wide, durable, spiral-bound book comes with a built-in collapsible stand that makes it suitable for either the treatment room or the reception area. The photographs, meticulous layout, and glossy, laminated paper are all first-rate.

Prospective patients will appreciate finding clinical situations similar to their own with attractive and predictable outcomes. Indeed, Dr. Landau's atlas bridges the gap between patient education and professional internal marketing. Each and every dentist—generalist or specialist—who has ever tried to explain a patient's particular esthetic problem and contemporary treatment solutions will want to own at least one copy of this book.

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